

PYTHIAN KNIGHTS UNDER ATTACK

Complaint to Attorney-General Says Order Is Insolvent and Asks Receiver.

CITES THE SUPREME LODGE

Insurance Out \$20,667,500 and Cash on Hand \$615,568—Rates Raised 500 Per Cent.

New York, December 13.—Alleging that the organization is insolvent on its own showing, Milton G. Bucky, a lawyer, yesterday sent a letter to the Attorney-General at Albany, calling on him to begin an action against the Knights of Pythias, one of the largest of the fraternal orders, to cancel their certificate to conduct a life insurance business in this State and appoint a receiver of all assets and property in the State. He also wishes them enjoined from doing any further business in New York.

Mr. Bucky tells the Attorney-General that information supplied by the Supreme Lodge of the order shows that at the present time it is carrying insurance of the fourth class, amounting to \$20,667,500, with cash on hand to pay this amounting to \$615,568.

With the letter Mr. Bucky sent copies of communications from the central organization to a client of his, Thomas Barber, of 165 Rogers Avenue, Brooklyn. It is on information as to the business of the order given in these letters that the lawyer bases his request for the appointment of a receiver.

Thomas Barber has been paying an assessment averaging \$5.20 a month on a \$2,000 insurance policy issued to him in 1885. One of the letters from the Supreme Lodge, dated November 23, 1910, informs him that a bylaw has been passed by virtue of which the members of the fourth class in the Insurance Department, to which Mr. Barber belongs, were to pay an assessment of \$24.00 a month after January 1 next, for a continuance of insurance under their policies. The lawyer tells the Attorney-General that this demand will not be complied with, and that his client does not recognize the right of the order to enact such a bylaw.

The letter of Mr. Barber is on stationery marked "Supreme Government Knights of Pythias, Calais, Maine," and is signed by George M. Hanson, supreme chancellor. It is addressed "To Members of the Fourth Class, Insurance Department."

"Bringing the statement down to date," it says, "the number of members of the fourth class on October 31, 1910, was 19,832, carrying insurance in the amount of \$20,667,500. The amount in the mortuary fund of the fourth class on October 31 was \$615,568. Thus it was apparent to the members of the Supreme Lodge, and will be apparent to you, I think, that if steps had not been taken to increase the contributions of members of this class its funds would be exhausted in a very few months."

At another point the letter from the Supreme Lodge says that payments now exceed the income, and no private business can long exist under such circumstances. Neither can our business continue. The Supreme Lodge also says that the state of affairs is not the present body's fault, but was "because of a mistake in fixing the rates of contribution at the very inception of the organization."

According to the same letter, at the end of the year 1909 the lodge had in the mortuary fund of the fourth class \$899,576, when they say they should have had "about \$5,000,000." Their disbursements in the year 1908 exceeded their receipts, according to the letter, by about \$235,000. In 1909 their disbursements exceeded their receipts by \$401,500.

Commenting on this report, Mr. Bucky says to Attorney-General O'Donoghue: "They not only admit their present insolvency, but concede that this state of affairs has existed for several years past, unknown to my client." For this reason he asks for the proceeding to investigate the affairs of the organization and an injunction to prevent any further business being done in this State until a receiver can take charge.

The action also serves to bring to light that the Supreme Lodge of the Knights of Pythias, together with some Masonic orders and two other fraternal organizations, are exempt from the insurance laws of the State relating to fraternal insurance.

Mr. Bucky explained yesterday that ordinarily the procedure would be to apply for relief to the State Superintendent of Insurance, but owing to the fact that these organizations are exempt, as he says in his letter to the Attorney-General, they cannot be regulated by the State Superintendent of Insurance under the usual laws. He said that he had found other State laws, however, "to prevent the continuance of such a condition of affairs as is confessed by this lodge." He would not discuss what form the procedure might take.

The Knights of Pythias is one of the largest of the fraternal orders, having lodges in every State in the Union. It has other activities besides the writing of life insurance. An almanac gives its total membership at January 1 last as 703,804, while New York State had 21,519, according to the same figures. Its governing body is composed of men from States widely scattered.

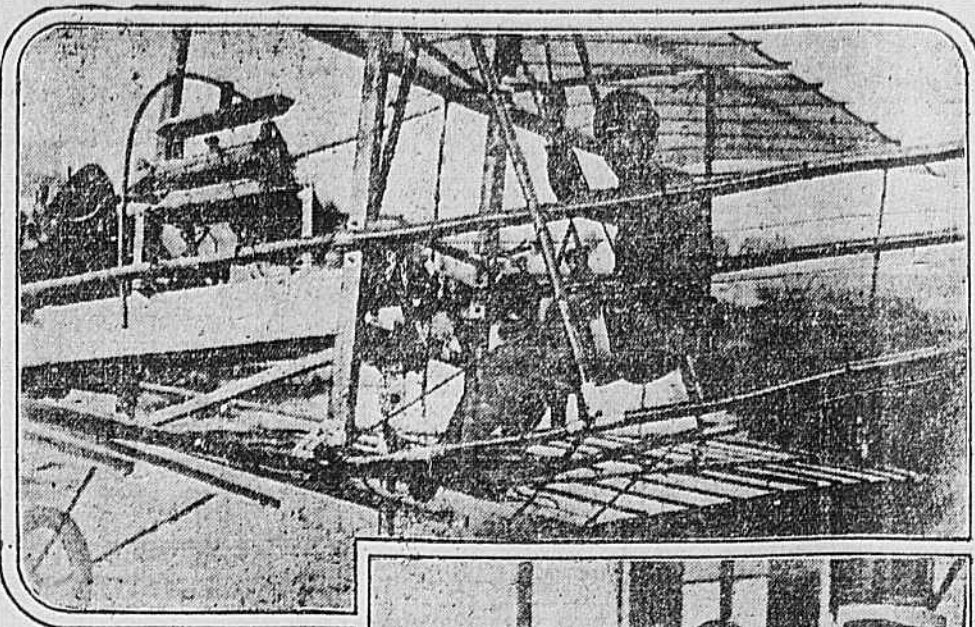
The only member of prominence from New York given in any publication is William Ladew, a member of the Board of Control of the Insurance Department. An effort to locate Mr. Ladew last night was unsuccessful.

There are two classes of members who take out insurance in the organization, the fourth and fifth classes. The present action concerns only the fourth class. Nothing that the Supreme Lodge has said affects the solvency of the fifth class policies, which are understood to have an entirely distinct fund.

COLLEGE WRESTLER MAY LIVE.

Princeton, N. J., December 13.—Harold C. Warren, of Swarthmore, Pa., the student in the junior class of Princeton University, whose spine was injured in a wrestling bout last Friday, shows slight improvement, but is still in a serious condition. His body remains paralyzed, but the sense of feeling, which has returned in a slight degree, is encouraging to the attending physicians.

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PAY 1,000,000 TO MAN WHO GAVE TIP

Former Waiters Buy Chicago Hotel From Their Former Benefactor.

Chicago, December 13.—Twenty years ago, almost to the day, Colonel Richard H. Southgate handed Max L. Teich a \$1 bill as a tip for serving him a good dinner. Carl C. Roessler, who was waiting on the adjoining table, congratulated his chum on having such a liberal patron.

To-day Max L. Teich and Carl L. Roessler paid Colonel Southgate more than \$1,000,000 for his interest in the Congress Hotel and annex. In speaking of their rise and their acquisition of riches, Mr. Teich said:

"Yes, Roessler and myself started in Chicago twenty-one years ago as waiters. We owe our start to the liberality of the American people in giving tips. We saved this money for a few years, and about fifteen years ago bought a small hotel in Chicago."

We then bought several other small hotels, and a few years ago acquired the Kaiserhof. To-day we bought the Congress Hotel and annex, or at least a controlling interest in it. I won't say exactly what we paid, but the two properties are worth about \$1,000,000. We own 7,000 of the 15,000 shares."

Colonel Southgate built the Auditorium Hotel and opened it on March 17, 1890. The front doors were thrown open just as the St. Patrick's Day parade was passing the hotel. In 1894 he built the Auditorium Annex, just across Congress Street, at Michigan Boulevard, and afterward added to it the Auditorium Apartments, two large, twelve-story buildings.

These he fitted in modern manner, among the features being the half-million dollar gold banquet room, the Pompeian room and cafe, peacock alley, marble corridor extending almost a city block, and \$600,000 gold-trimmed bathroom. The hotel, when he was waiting for the finest hotel in America, and it is near fulfillment."

Mr. Teich remarked: "Roessler and myself plan to make our new hotel the best in the Western Hemisphere. We will remodel and expect to spend thousands of dollars. Our dream when we were waiters was of owning the finest hotel in America, and it is near fulfillment."

FALLING BOOM KILLS MAN.

Boy Probably Morally Wounded in Excavation Accident.

New York, December 13.—One man was instantly killed and a sixteen-year-old boy was probably mortally injured by the falling of a boom used for excavating for the new building at Park Place and Broadway to-day.

Wonderful Story of a Woman About a Great Kidney Remedy

About one year ago I was taken to my bed with kidney trouble and remained for weeks an invalid. At times I suffered so badly and the pain was so intense I had to scream. I gradually became worse, and everything was done for me that was possible, but I did not get any better. I became so bad I could not sit up in bed and two doctors were called in, and after treating me for some time without helping me any, told me my only hope was to have an operation. An operation was performed, but soon after I became worse than ever, and thought that the rest of my days would be spent in bed. Friends whom my husband had written to in Portsmouth, telling of my condition, advised him to get me Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root. He bought one bottle, and in two weeks I was able to leave the bed. I took one more bottle, and was entirely cured and able to do my work around the house, and have enjoyed good health to this day. Friends who knew of my condition consider my cure remarkable, and I never hesitate to recommend it.

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Yours very truly,
MRS. D. S. WELLS,
Branchland, W. Va.

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M. and Mre. Legagneux showing to their child the machine that "Daddy" files with.

was probably mortally injured by the falling of a boom used for excavating for the new building at Park Place and Broadway to-day.

The boom crashed through the fence surrounding the excavation and fell the man and the boy, who were walking along the street. Neither of them have been identified.

FEWER DISASTERS ON LAKES.

Death List for 1910 Less Than That of 1909.

Detroit, Mich., December 13.—There were fewer disasters on the Great Lakes during the season just closed than during the season of 1909. Last year there were 128 lives lost, a much higher toll than for 1910.

The worst disaster of this year was the sinking of car ferry No. 16 of the Pere Marquette Railroad, off Ludington, Mich., with the loss of more than a score of lives.

The greatest monetary loss of the 1910 season was incurred when the steamer W. C. Moreland was stranded on Eagle River reef, Lake Superior. The loss to the hull was \$420,000. The cargo \$100,000. There were eight important fires, accidents and wrecks during the year. The total resulting loss was \$1,500,000.

IN GYMNASIUM GARMENTS, GIRLS SAVED FROM FIRE

Chicago, December 13.—Fifty young women attired in gymnasium costumes, were rescued from the roof of a burning building to-day at 311-313 Wabash Avenue.

They were engaged in drill in the School of Physical Education and Expression. The girls feared to descend to the street when smoke began pouring into the gymnasium.

The instructors, giving the young women no time to don other clothing, marshaled them on the roof of the school.

From this place, which was shut off from view by volumes of black smoke, the frightened girls were carried down fire escapes by firemen, several of the more daring clambering down after the firemen.

None of the girls was injured. They sought seclusion from the staring thousands in a neighboring office building, where they were supplied with more complete costumes.

The damage was estimated at \$100,000, chiefly to the building, to the Derby Desk Company and the O. W. Richardson Carpet and Rug Company. Crossed electric wires are believed to have been the cause.

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	Parlor and Dining Car	Royal Special	Parlor and Dining Car	Parlor and Dining Car	Parlor Observation Car	Sleeping Car	Sleeping Car
Lv. Wash., Un. Sta.	7:00 A.M.	9:00 A.M.	11:00 A.M.	1:00 P.M.	3:00 P.M.	5:00 P.M.	7:00 P.M.
Ar. Liberty St., N. Y.	12:35 P.M.	2:00 P.M.	4:15 P.M.	6:30 P.M.	8:00 P.M.	10:40 P.M.	6:35 A.M.
Ar. 23d, New York	12:45 P.M.	2:10 P.M.	4:25 P.M.	6:45 P.M.	8:10 P.M.	10:50 P.M.	7:00 A.M.

Sleeping Car Passengers on midnight train may remain undisturbed until 8:00 A. M.

KING WILL VISIT SCENE OF FLOOD

Hopes to Give Encouragement to People Whose Homes Are Lost.

Lives Dashed.

Rome, December 13.—So serious have the floods become, particularly in the northern part of Italy, through the increased rains, that the King has expressed his intention to visit the inundated districts and thereby give encouragement to the inhabitants. Grave damage is reported from all quarters. Many villages are practically isolated and provisions are being carried to the people by boats. Hundreds of soldiers and private citizens are engaged in the work of aiding the sufferers.

City Under Water.

Leghorn, December 13.—A portion of this city is under water and serious damage has been done to the railway station. Residents in certain districts are obliged to use ladders to enter their houses. In other districts firemen have been called upon to rescue the occupants of buildings, around which the water had reached a considerable height.

Arno Overflows.

Pisa, Italy, December 13.—The River Arno has overflowed its banks and part of the city is flooded.

Rev. John C. Burrus Dead.

Notasuga, Ala., December 13.—Rev. John C. Burrus, well known throughout the South, died here yesterday afternoon. For forty years he was editor of the Universalist Herald, published in Montgomery and Notasuga. He was the recognized head of the Universalist denomination in the South, preaching in all the Southern States, from Maryland to Texas.

Children Burned to Death.

Gravette, Ark., December 13.—Three children of J. E. Perogay were burned to death when fire destroyed the home near here to-day. They were Margaret, twelve years old; Mary, ten years, and Jeanette, two years old. The mother, who made a desperate attempt to save her children, was seriously burned and probably will die.

CANDIDATE FOR SENATE



JAMES E. MARTINE.

He was the choice of the Democrats of New Jersey, in the primaries, for the office of United States Senator, and as such is being backed by Governor-elect Woodrow Wilson. His hard-headed common sense, familiarity with progressive ideas and strong convictions as to the right of the people to demand legislation for the common good, as shown in an interview at his home, give some idea of the wisdom of this approval.

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